

Position Title: Refuge Intern (Habitat Restoration and Invasive Plant Control)

Number of Positions: 2

Living Allowance: As a result of recent changes in FWS policy, local interns (those that have a permanent residence and live within a 50-mile radius of the refuge) are not eligible to receive a living allowance. Non-local interns are eligible for a \$215 weekly living allowance. A limited amount of housing is available and may be provided subject to availability and the particular needs and circumstances of each intern.

Location: Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Basking Ridge, NJ

Dates of Employment: On or around May 18 - August 7, 2015 (12 weeks, 40 hours per week)

Qualifications: Applicants must be at least eighteen years of age, have the ability to work independently and as part of a team, and have good physical ability. Must have a valid driver's license and personal vehicle, though a government vehicle will be provided for official duties. Bachelor's degree (or pursuing) in wildlife science, horticulture, forestry, environmental resource management, or related field required. Field work experience preferred. Experience controlling invasive plants and planting native vegetation is strongly desired. Experience with GPS, vegetation ID, GIS, and working with the public a plus.

Duties: Intern(s) will work closely with staff and volunteers to conduct habitat restoration activities on the Refuge. Work will include, but is not limited to, assisting in the chemical and manual control of invasive plant species; mapping locations of invasive plants; collecting, identifying, and pressing plant specimens for the Refuge herbarium; conducting habitat restoration activities, and monitoring new plantings in restored habitats. Interns also will participate in public events involving educating refuge volunteers and the public about habitat restoration practices. Other duties may include assisting with waterfowl banding and other biological surveys, trail maintenance, and public use improvement projects. Must have strong communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills to ensure that assigned tasks are completed in a thorough, timely, and professional manner. Work schedule will be standard Monday through Friday 8-hours per day with Federal holidays off. Occasional weekend and evening work may be required.

How to Apply: Send letter of interest, resume, and a list of 3 references with phone numbers or e-mail addresses to address below (e-mail preferred). For email applications, reference the position "Refuge Intern (Habitat Restoration and Invasive Plant Control)" in the subject line of the email.

Closing Date: January 22, 2015

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